

# Our Giving, Our Stories!

A series of giving profiles in celebration of Black Philanthropy Month

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## Celebrating Black Philanthropy Month 2020

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### 3 Questions With ... Philanthropist, PATRICIA WARR MARSHALL

Financial Coach and Business Advisor

The Women's Giving Circle of Howard County, Maryland is proud to elevate the voices and giving of our donors and friends throughout Black Philanthropy Month

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#### what moves you to give your time, talent and financial resources?

My mother, who recently passed away, encouraged me at a young age to find ways to help people, whether in our community, at church, or at school. In many ways, the acts of giving time, talent, and financial resources has become a natural and comfortable way of life for me. My favorite Biblical scripture on stewardship is Matthew 25: 35-40, which calls us to serve others as God wants us to serve Him and to do so with love and compassion.

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#### when did you start giving to issues that are important to you?

Growing up, my family was very active in our church and community through numerous volunteer efforts and financial contributions, particularly focused on education. In 2016, I coordinated the creation of a food pantry at my church. I felt called to that work and it's since expanded to include the distribution of books, household items, clothing, healthy cooking instruction, and more. Looking holistically at the community and finding ways to serve has been soul affirming work.

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#### what advice do you have for those interested in giving back?

Research one or two organizations whose missions center around your personal interests. Set aside time to volunteer with one or both organizations. You will learn, by volunteering, where resources are needed to expand the organization's mission and impact and how you'd best play a role. Perhaps, you'll find contributing financial resources alone is enough or you'll want to deepen your involvement. You just may decide to organize your own service effort.

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The Women's Giving Circle is proud to continue our support for National Black Philanthropy Month 2020!

The WGC is building a community of philanthropists and creating a permanent legacy to address the needs of women and girls in Howard County, Maryland.

"We are excited to continue our support of National Black Philanthropy Month" said Hina Naseem and Judy Smith, co-Chairs of WGC's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee. "Informing, involving, inspiring and investing in Black philanthropic leadership and giving are among the goals of this annual celebration and we are committed to advancing this important work in philanthropy, both in our community and across the country."

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